

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

HALLIBURTON ENERGY SERVICES,
INC.,

Petitioner,

v.

MICHAEL VALDOVINOS,

Respondent.

Case No. 1:23-cv-00458-KES-CDB

ORDER ADOPTING FINDINGS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS TO GRANT
PETITION TO CONFIRM FINAL
ARBITRATION AWARD AND FOR ENTRY
OF JUDGMENT

Docs. 1, 17

On March 24, 2023, Petitioner Halliburton Energy Services, Inc. (“Petitioner”) filed a petition to confirm a final arbitration award and for entry of judgment against Michael Valdovinos (“Respondent”). Doc. 1. This matter was referred to a United States magistrate judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Local Rule 302.

Respondent did not respond to the petition. In petitioner’s unopposed motion to continue a scheduling conference, Doc. 11, petitioner noted that on June 15, 2023, petitioner, acting through pro hac vice counsel, spoke with respondent on the phone. *Id.* at 2. “[Respondent] stated that he does not oppose confirmation of the arbitration award and does not want to participate in the scheduling conference.” *Id.*

On May 8, 2024, the assigned magistrate judge issued findings and recommendations to grant the petition to confirm final arbitration award and for entry of judgment. Doc. 17. The

1 assigned magistrate judge found the arbitration award was supported by law and there was no
2 basis to correct, modify, or vacate the final award. *Id.* at 5. The findings and recommendations
3 contained notice that any objections were due within fourteen days after service of the order and
4 that failure to file objections within the specified time may result in the waiver of rights on
5 appeal. *Id.* at 6 (quoting *Wilkerson v. Wheeler*, 772 F.3d 834, 839 (9th Cir. 2014)). Respondent
6 did not file objections and the deadline to do so has passed.

7 In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1), this Court has conducted a de novo review of
8 this case. Having carefully reviewed the matter, the Court concludes that the findings and
9 recommendations are supported by the record and proper analysis.

10 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 11 1. The findings and recommendations entered on May 8, 2024, Doc. 17, are adopted
12 in full;
- 13 2. Petitioner's petition to confirm final arbitration award and for entry of judgment,
14 Doc. 1, is granted;
- 15 3. The final arbitration award in favor of petitioner and against respondent, Doc. 1-4,
16 is confirmed in all respects; and
- 17 4. The Clerk of Court is directed to close this case.

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20 IT IS SO ORDERED.

21 Dated: January 16, 2025

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24 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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